Dear Secretary Hancock and Commissioner Hendrickson:

Re: Assessment of Economic Effects of Tolling and Strategies for Mitigating Effects of Tolling on Environmental Justice Populations for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio Bridges (LSIORB) Project, April 24, 2015.

The Federal Highway Administration received your report dated April 24, 2015. Based upon our review, we concur that the document fulfills the commitments in the Revised Record of Decision (RROD) to “Prepare a report assessing the economic effects of tolling on the EJ populations, and evaluating measures to mitigate those effects.” With the subsequent adoption by the states’ Tolling Body and the implementation of the mitigation, the commitments of the RROD concerning Environmental Justice will have been fulfilled.

While our concurrence is based on the assumption that the Tolling Mitigation Plan will be fully implemented as described in the above referenced document, we understand that the approval of the Tolling Board is required before this can occur. In the unlikely event that the Tolling Body does not accept some of the mitigation measures, we ask that you contact us within ten business days so we can resume our work together to find acceptable alternative mitigation measures.

We thank you and your staff for your diligence and efforts in the development of this document. Please keep us informed on the implementation of the measures outlined in the report and the results of the monitoring. If we can be of any assistance please let us know.

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